

WEEKLY ADVICE FOR THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR DELTA SMELT

Monday, December 28, 2009

Recommendation for week of December 28:

The Smelt Working Group does not have a delta smelt recommendation at this time.

Basis for recommendation:

The 2008 OCAP biological opinion indicates that RPA Component 1, Action 1(b) may be implemented on or after December 20, based upon two criteria:

1. Turbidity - 3 day, 3 station average turbidity at Prisoner's Point, Holland Tract, and Victoria Canal exceed 12 NTU.
2. Salvage - 3 days of delta smelt salvage at either facility or if the cumulative daily salvage count is above the risk threshold based upon the "daily salvage index" approach. Based on a FMWT index value of 7 through November 2009, the daily salvage index value is 4.

Neither of these criteria have been met, so no recommendation was made.

Once triggered, OMR flows must be maintained no more negative than -2000cfs on a 14-day running average and no more negative than -2500cfs on a 5-day running average.